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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE

1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 22, FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMICS DIRECTOR HERMES SAID THE FRG WAS PLEASED TO LEARN FROM THE FRENCH THAT A LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT EXISTED BETWEEN THE US AND FRANCE ON FULFILLMENT OF THE PRECONDITIONS FOR THE MARCH PREPARATORY CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE. IN A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER, HERMES REITERATED THIS POINT NOTING THAT THE FRENCH LEFT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THE US WAS NOW SATISFIED THAT THE MARCH MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE ON SCHEDULE. HE SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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HE EXPECTED THAT THE FRENCH WOULD ISSUE THE INVITATIONS

SHORTLY.

2. INFORMED PRESS REPORTS TODAY STATE THAT FOREIGN
MINISTERS GENSCHER AND SAUVAGNARGUES REACHED SUBSTANTIAL
AGREEMENT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE MARCH MEETING DURING
THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN BONN YESTERDAY. ACCORDING TO
THESE REPORTS, AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED THAT THE
AGREEMENT ON FINANCING FULFILLS THE MAJOR AMERICAN
PRECONDITION FOR THE OPENING OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN
PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. IN ADDITION THE PRESS REPORTS
A CONSENSUS THAT THE MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE ON TIME
AND THAT FRANCE SHOULD BE THE ONE TO ISSUE THE
INVITATIONS.

3. HERMES SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER
THE FRENCH REPORT ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE US POSITION.
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